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SUBJ: ANGOLA: MPLA DELEGATION IN GEORGETOWN--GOG FONMIN TO  
CONSULT TO KAUNTA

REF: A. GEORGETOWN 2193; B. KINGSTON 5075

1. TRADITIONAL YEAR-END STAG RECEPTION AT NOON DEC 29 HOSTED  
BY GOG FONMIN FRED WILLS PRODUCED TWO PIECES OF INFORMATION.

2. FIRST WAS PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF FOUR-PERSON MPLA  
DELEGATION (REFTEL B). THEY WERE OBSERVED IN EXTENDED  
CONVERSATION WITH CUBAN AMBASSADOR AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
WITH SOVIET CHARGE, AND WE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
PM BURNHAM IS MEETING WITH THEM IN HIS OFFICE THIS  
AFTERNOON. ONE OF DELEGATES IS BLACK FEMALE, ONE  
WHITE MALE AND TWO BLACK MALES.

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3. I HEARD FROM BRITISH COLLEAGUE THAT WILLS WOULD

BE LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR LUSAKA TO CONSULT WITH KAUNDA. WHEN I ASKED WILLS IF HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER IN THE WEEK IN CASE I HAD OCCASION TO CONTACT HIM, HE CONFESSED HE WAS BEING SENT BY PM TO CONSULT WITH KAUNDA IN LUSAKA. WILLS ADDED THAT HE WAS PRETTY SURE WHAT KAUNDA WOULD TELL HIM, AND FOR HIS PART HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE CLEAR PICTURE OF PRESSURES TO WHICH GOG BEING SUBJECTED. WILLS SAID HE WOULD BE STOPPING IN NEW YORK EITHER EN ROUTE OR ON RETURN FLIGHT IN ORDER TO CONSULT WITH GOG AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, LAWRENCE MANN.

4. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THIS DEVELOPMENT TENDS TO CONFIRM THE CONCLUSION I REACHED OVER WEEKEND FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH BURNHAM ON 26 DEC. I.E., THAT BURNHAM IS TREADING WATER UNTIL AFTER OAU SUMMIT MEETING FEB 10 BUT HE IS HOPEFUL MEETING WILL PRODUCE A CLEAR CONSENSUS TO RECOGNIZE MPLA, IN FACT HE MAY EVEN BE GIVING A SHOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. END COMMENT.

5. EVEN MORE OMINOUS, IF TRUE, WAS REMARK OF HIGH-LEVEL FONOFF OFFICIAL TO DCM AT SAME FUNCTION, TO EFFECT THAT WILLS WOULD BE GOING TO LUANDA. SOURCE IS WELL PLACED AND USUALLY LXLIABLE, SO WE ARE INCLINED TO GIVE CAUTIOUS CREDIT TO HIS INFORMATION.

6. ACCORDING TO MY VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUE, JUST RETURNED FROM WEEKEND CONSULTATION IN CARACAS ON ALGOLAN SITUATION, MPLA DELEGATION CALLED HIM EARLY MORNING 29TH TO REQUEST VISAS FOR CARACAS. HE WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER VISAS WOULD BE GRANTED.

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